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In re Patent Application of

Günter SCHMIDT et al.

Application No.: 09/462,408

Filed: April 10, 2000

For: CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

BOX RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 [X] \$740.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1.	Applicant(s)	previously	submitted	the	following	documents	for	which	continu	ıed
	examination	is requested	d·							

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [X]April 26, 2002.
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _.
- 2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
 - Amendment/Reply.
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). $[\]$
 - Other: Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time
- 3. Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 - [X] No additional claim fee is required.
 - The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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	No. Of Claims	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee					\$740.00
Total Claims	26	MINUS 26 =	0	× \$18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS 7 =	0	× \$84.00 =	0.00
If multiple dependent	claims are pre	esented, add \$280.00			
Total Fee					\$740.00
If small entity status is	s claimed, sub	tract 50% of Total F	ee		
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$740.00

4.	[X]	A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
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- 5. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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